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RE: MUR 4742

Juan Vargas; Vargas for Congress '96 and Deanna Liebergot, as treasurer; Larry Remer/The Primacy Group; Committee to Re-Elect Juan Vargas and Deanna Liebergot,

as treasurer

Dear Mr. Roach:

This is in reference to the complaint you filed with the Federal Election Commission on May 12, 1998, concerning Juan Vargas, Vargas for Congress '96 and Deanna Liebergot, as treasurer, Larry Remer/The Primacy Group, and the Committee to Re-Elect Juan Vargas and Deanna Liebergot, as treasurer.

Based on your complaint, on April 27, 1999, the Commission found that there was reason to believe Juan Vargas violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a, 441a(f), and 441b(a), provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. The Commission further found reason to believe that Vargas for Congress '96 and Deanna Liebergot, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(f) and 441b(a); that the Committee to Re-Elect Juan Vargas and Deanna Liebergot, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 433, 434, 441a, and 441b(a); and that Larry Remer and The Primacy Group violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a. As a result, the Commission instituted an investigation of this matter. After an investigation was conducted, the Commission further determined, on November 30, 1999, to take no further action against the Committee to Re-Elect Juan Vargas and Deanna Liebergot, as its treasurer. Also on November 30, 1999, the Commission found reason to believe that Vargas for Congress '96 and Deanna Liebergot, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b).

After further investigation was conducted and the General Counsel's Brief and the respondents' Brief were considered, the Commission, on September 26, 2000, determined to take no further action against Larry Remer/The Primacy Group. The Commission also determined to take no further action against Juan Vargas, and against Vargas for Congress '96 and Deanna

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Liebergot, as treasurer, with respect to 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f). A Statement of Reasons explaining the Commission's decision will follow.

Also on September 26, 2000, the Commission found that there was probable cause to believe Vargas for Congress '96 and Deanna Liebergot, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b), On March 5, 2001, a conciliation agreement signed by counsel for the respondents was accepted by the Commission, thereby concluding the matter. Accordingly, the Commission closed the file in this matter on that same date. A copy of this agreement is enclosed for your information.

This matter will become part of the public record within 30 days. The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of portions of this action. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8).

If you have any questions, please contact Tony Buckley, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Lois G. Lerner

Acting General Counsel

Enclosure:

Conciliation Agreement